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Education

P.h.D, U.S. History Fall 2024-Present

Minor Fields: U.S. Women's and Gender History, Digital History
George Mason University

M.A., History May 2024

Concentration in Applied History with an Emphasis in Technology and New Media
Smithsonian Mason Certificate in Digital Public Humanities
George Mason University

B.A. in History May 2022

Double Minor in Women & Gender and African American Studies
Austin Peay State University

Professional Affiliations

- Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University
- Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University
- Southern Association for Women Historians

Relevant Awards

- Andy Smith Prize - GMU - 2025
- Josephine Pacheco Award for Best History M.A. Research Paper - GMU - 2024
- Andy Smith Prize - GMU - 2023
- Randy Beth Clark Endowed Fellowship in U.S. History - GMU - 2023
- Outstanding History Student 2022 - APSU - 2022
- Richard and Anne Sullivan PELP Endowment - APSU - 2021
- Judge Sam E. Boaz History Endowment - APSU - 2021
- Fred Seip, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in History - APSU - 2020, 2021

Relevant Experience

Fall 2024-Current: Graduate Research Assistant

Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, George Mason University

Spring 2024-Current: Website Development and Maintenance

Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia Incorporated

Graduate Research Assistant (Summer 2023-Summer 2024)

Center for Mason Legacies, George Mason University

Fall 2023-Summer 2024: Intern for HBCU History, Culture, and Access Consortium (HCAC)

Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Publications

- ["Spatializing Black Stories: Geographies of Community in Loudoun County, Virginia"](#) - Center for Mason Legacies
- "Finding Sarah Ann" - In [Historical Society of Fairfax County, Virginia Incorporated annual publication \(2023-2024\)](#)
- ["Carrow Hall and Black Methodist History"](#) - Center for Mason Legacies, Black Lives Next Door
- ["Finding Sarah Ann"](#) - Center for Mason Legacies, Black Lives Next Door- Geographies of Inequity
- "The Suffragist Split: Mary Church Terrell, Kate M. Gordon, and Race Relations Within the Women's Suffrage Movement" - In Theta Delta Student Journal Austin Peay State University

Relevant Papers and Projects:

- [Children on The Move: Gender and Parenting in the Liberation of Children From Slavery](#)
- A Road for Harriet Bell: Placemaking and Installing Legacies as a Free Black Woman in Vienna, Virginia
- [Spatializing Black Stories: Geographies of Community in Loudoun County, Virginia](#)
- Caring for Community in Digital Public Humanities (session facilitation for HCAC Project)
- [Finding Sarah Ann: A Spatial and Temporal Analysis of the Pregnant Mother Who Successfully Fled Fairfax on the Underground Railroad](#)
- Motherhood on the Run: Enslaved and Enslaving Women in Antebellum Virginia
- King Iron: A digital archive and exhibits for a Tennessee-based small town Black historical research project called King Iron.
- Birth of a Nation: A Digital and Ethno-Botanical Exploration of Cotton and Reproductive Autonomy

Recent Presentations:

- Motherhood on the Run: Enslaved and Enslaving Women in Antebellum Virginia - Panel, Southern Association of Women Historians 2025
- Spatializing Black Stories: Geographies of Community in Loudoun County, Virginia - Geographies of Inequity Symposium 2025
- Spatializing Harriet Bell: Placemaking and Installing Legacies in Vienna, Virginia - Panel, CNU Conference on Women and Gender 2025
- "The Masons' Loudoun County: Discoveries in an Early Republic Account Book"- 2025 Virginia Forum
- Spatializing Black Stories: Geographies of Community in Loudoun County - Thomas Balch Library, Fall 2024
- "Inheritance: Slavery and the Cost of Motherhood" - Panel, Virginia Forum 2024
- Finding Sarah Ann - Geographies of Inequity Symposium 2023, Historic Vienna Inc. Spring Program 2024, Brentsville District High School 2024, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church 2024